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SUBJECT: TERRORISM/ PUNISHMENT OF HIJACKERS OF BRITISH AIRWAYS PLANE

REF: STATE 043517 (NOTAL)

- 1. TOOK OCCASION OF DINNER MEETING WITH P.M. DEN UYL TO INQUIRE AS TO GON POSITION ON BRITISH AIRWAYS HIJACE AND STATE US VIEWS ON HIJACKING IN GENERAL AND SCHIPOL INCIDENT IN PARTICULAR.
- 2. DEN UYL STATE THAT "JUSTICE MUST BE DONE" AND INDICATED HE INTENDS TO FOLLOW FIRM LIME, HOWEVER, HIS COMMENT SHOULD BE INTERPRETED IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT IT WAS MADE AT ISRAELI'S RESIDENCE AND BEFORE GENERALLY LEFT-ORIENTED NETHERLANDS POLITICIANS WHO HAVE BEEN MAIN SOURCE OF PRO-ISRAELI SENTIMENT WITHIN GON.

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3. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED THAT IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION

DEN UYL HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS AGAINST ANY DEAL OR ARRANGEMENT TO RELEASE HIJACKERS NOW AND HE PLANS TO GO THROUGH
WITH REGULAR LEGAL PROCEDURE. HOWEVER, DEN UYL SAID THAT HE
WOULD NOT GUARANTEE THAT IF SUBSEQUENTLY "100 PEOPLE WERE
HIJACKED TO COMPEL RELEASE OF THE 2 MEN PRESENTLY BEING HELD"
HE WOULD NOT "GIVE IN". JAN MEIJER, FOREIGN OFFICE
DEVELOPMENT AID SPECIALIST HAD THEN INQUIRED AS TO WHY GON
WOULD GO THROUGH ORDEAL OF TRIAL IF IN FACT IT WAS PREPARED
UTLIMATELY TO RELEASE HIJACKERS ANYWAY. DEN UYL REPLIED THAT
EARLY RELEASE SMACKED OF CAPITULATION AND WOULD
BE VIOLATION OF GON PENAL CODE.
ONLY IN "IN EXTREMIS" WOULD HE GIVE IN. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR ADDED
THAT DEN UYL DOES NOT EXPECT THE BRITISH WOULD AGREE TO ACCEPT THE
HIJACKERS.

- 4. CONTRARY TO FOREGOING US LEGAL ATTACHE FROM BONN FOLLOWING COUNTERPART CONFERENCES HERE TOLD ME HE EXPECTS ONLY EXPULSION FOLLOWING TRIAL AND CONVICTION.
- 5. AFTER TOUCHING BASE WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR, I PLAN TO FOLLOW UP WITH FONMIN VAN DER STOEL MARCH 8 AND KUIPERS HEAD OF DUTCH INTERNAL SECURITY SERVICE, (BVD) ON MAR 11. KUIPERS, INCIDENTALLY, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON APRIL 8-11 FOR COUNTERPART CONSULTATION AND IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ANTI-TERRORIST PROGRAMS. RECOMMEND DURING THIS VISIT KUIPERS RECEIVE POLICY BRIEFING AS WELL AS TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION. ALSO RECOMMEND THAT HE BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE NOTES WITH AMB. HOFFACKER.

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